



Are you looking for a couple who:

- D**elight in having toys scattered through-out their home,
- L**augh at your baby's burps, gurgles and sneezes,
- B**ake cookies together decorated like princesses or pirates to eat snuggling in front of a great movie,
- A**re a mom and dad for your child, who will be the first to jump in the dirt or sand to play,
- W**ill encourage your child to be a child and teach them to laugh and smile daily,
- T**each your child about why the sky is blue, how tadpoles become frogs, & how rainbows are made,
- T**ake them to fun and amazing destinations for vacation planned just for them,
- O**ffer them financial stability & the ability to have what they need in this world to be successful, and
- E**ncourage participation in sports, crafts, music, dance or any activity your child shows an interested in.

Then perhaps we are the family you are looking for.

We are Jessica and Chris and we have been actively pursuing adoption as a way to build our family. We believe kids should be kids and enjoy all the security and laughter a happy home can bring them. We want your child to be happy, and we know we can offer everything a child needs to grow up healthy, confident, strong, safe and loved. Let us offer your child a home and a life where they can grow up feeling good about their childhood, pleased with their life, and content about their adoption.

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&
JESSICA**

How We Met and What We Love To Enjoy Together

Since we are both interested in giving back to the community, it only follows that we met while doing volunteer work. We became inseparable following our first date and married two years later. We built our strong relationship based on our mutual love, respect and shared values. We believe in honesty, integrity and devotion to each other and our families, as well as kindness and respect to others. We both agree that being responsible is very important, but we balance that with our love of living and of having fun.

Our interests are many and varied. We both love to see new and interesting locations. Recent trips have included Hawaii, Disneyland in California and Disneyworld in Florida. Individually we have both traveled overseas. We both love the outdoors, enjoying picnics, photography, biking, swimming, kayaking, hiking, walking and sightseeing. Chris enjoys working out, tending to his fish tank, reading, movies, woodworking, computers, and home improvement. Jessica enjoys baking, vegetable gardening, sewing, home improvement, decorating and working on stained glass projects. We love life; we love each other and our families; and we would love any baby we adopt fully and completely.



About Us: Education, Employment and More

Chris: I obtained a bachelor's degree in computer science while in the Air Force, and I am currently working on an advanced degree at the University of Maryland. Working on computers was always a special interest of mine, and I love learning new computer programs and applications. I currently work for a subcontractor to the US Government. The company I work for is very family oriented and will be supportive if Jessica and I are lucky enough to adopt a child or children. I strongly believe that fathers should take equal responsibility for raising a child. Jessica and I will be co-parents in the true sense of the word. I guarantee your child will have an involved, loving and dedicated father!

Jessica: I knew since junior high school that I wanted to be a Social Worker. During high school, I had an internship with a Social Services Agency and also enjoyed working with children in the summers. I completed my undergraduate degree in Social Work with a Certificate in Child Welfare. I then went directly to graduate school where I received my Master's degree in Social Work. Child Welfare/Foster Care has been of particular interest to me, and I worked for several years for the county in which we live to assure that the families under my care were well taken care of and their needs met. To be able to spend more time with Chris and our family, I transferred to a job within the same agency helping families entering our county's homeless shelter program. While it's hard work, I feel a great deal of satisfaction assisting families in ensuring they have a safe place to stay and helping them get their needs met - from basics like food, to more challenging concerns such as child care, mental health issues, substance abuse issues, employment and health care. I believe that everyone has times in their life when things aren't working out as they had planned and it is always nice to have a helping hand!

Chris and I were both raised with strong family values and a strong work ethic. I plan to work part-time after we adopt, with my Mom assisting with child care. I want to continue to assist others given my extensive training and skills as a social worker. Working part-time will allow me to do this, but also to meet the needs of your child. Moreover, we plan to save my income for the benefit of your child so that we may offer them the best education possible. This is something my parents did for me, and Chris and I will carry on this tradition.

Our Home and Community

Our home is located in a well established suburb in Maryland and includes lots of young families, biking and hiking trails, swimming pools, tennis courts, and parks. Schools in our area are excellent. We also live within easy driving distance of the National Zoo, National Aquarium, National Children's Museum, children's library, and other fun indoor and outdoor activities. We are about two and a half hours from the Eastern Shore with its great beaches, boardwalks, Maryland crabs and family fun. New York and Philadelphia are easy weekend getaways for us. In the winter, we often enjoy Jessica's parent's condo in Florida. The lovely beaches, the hot sunshine, and all the beauty of Florida surround us.

Due to our close proximity to Washington DC, the homes in our area are very high priced compared to many other suburban areas. Two years ago, we purchased our home, a charming three bedroom bungalow with a full walk-out basement. Both of us are very handy and enjoy working together to make our house a home. We have a lovely new kitchen that we completely remodeled ourselves. We redesigned it to allow us to be able to cook as a family.

Our tree-lined community is filled with families, several of whom have recently adopted a child, as well as other families whom are part of the adoption community - adoptees' and birthparents. Everyone is very friendly; and in the summer, we frequently get together for BBQ's and other impromptu gatherings. Your child will be raised in a community where adoption is normal, positive and a healthy way to build families.



The Importance of Family

Jessica: My parents live close by and are both attorneys, although my mother is now retired. She is enthusiastically awaiting a grandchild to dote on. I have one sister who is a physician in New York. I adore my family; we are close, considerate to one another and always have a lot of laughter to share with one another. Especially when the men start to laugh about how the women in our family can eat the men under the table!



Rachel, Jessica's Sister



Best Friends from CA



Jessica & Susan, Chris's Mom



Iris & Larry, Jessica's Parents

Chris: My family lives on the West Coast and we visit them often. My mother is in the accounting field and my Dad works for the local college. My younger brother is in real estate, and his wife is a stay-at-home mom to their three young children. As a fun winter break, Jessica especially enjoyed a "girl's week" with my mother in Northern California this past January. In November, we, along with my mom, went to Southern California/ Disneyland to visit the rest of my family and friends. We also try to get as many family members together at Thanksgiving at Jessica's parents to enjoy this holiday together.

Your Adoption, Your Decision

Considering an adoption plan for your child, let alone trying to choose just the right family from merely a letter, must be difficult. And while all the letters you are reading must sound alike to some degree; we feel that we, Chris and Jessica, are unique in the qualifications, values, and enthusiasm we bring to parenting. Our family believes children come first, and your child would always be first in all our lives. If, in your heart, you do not believe that you or your family are in a position to raise your child, please consider us as your child's adoptive parents.

Our Adoption Dream

If you want a family who is prepared to nurture, love unconditionally, and be able to provide a stable, secure and loving home for your child, please consider us, Chris and Jessica, and make our adoption dream come true. We welcome our lives being changed by the addition of a child to our family and can't wait to introduce your child to all the joys that our family and our lives have to offer.

Our Contact Information

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